

twenty dollars nor more than fifty dollars, or imprisoned in jail for not less than thirty days nor more than ninety days, or both fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from ~~Effective~~ the date of its passage.

Approved April 3, 1890.

CHAPTER 471.

AN ACT to direct the attorney-general of the State to take such steps as are necessary, to obtain a decision of the supreme court of the United States, as to the scope and effect of the "compact" of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, and to employ additional counsel, with approbation of the governor, and to appropriate a sum of money therefor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the attorney-general of the State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary and proper to obtain, as soon as possible, a decision of the supreme court of the United States, as to the scope and effect of the "compact" of seventeen hundred and eighty-five, signed at Mt. Vernon, between the commissioners of Maryland and Virginia, whether or not it applies to that body of water, now called "Pocomoke sound," through which the boundary line between Maryland and Virginia now passes, and whether or not the citizens of Maryland have a right to take oysters in said waters jointly with the citizens of the State of Virginia, a right which the citizens of Maryland have ^{Md. and} ~~Va. bound-~~ enjoyed from date of said "compact," until about the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, without molestation, and with the assent of Virginia, as agreed upon in the said compact, and which is now denied them by the oyster police force of that commonwealth, acting under the laws of the same, and that he is hereby authorized to employ additional counsel to assist in a suit for that purpose, and that the sum of fourteen hundred dollars remaining from the sum appropriated for this purpose by the act of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, chapter three hundred and fifty-four, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses and fees of said counsel, to be determined by the governor and attorney-general, on whose joint certificate the comptroller shall issue his warrant on the treasurer for the same, or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from ~~Effective~~ the date of its passage.

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